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REEDER AGAINST IT.

Sixth District Congressman Opposes Irrigation Suit With Colorado from Diverting Waters of the Arkansas.

The only Kansan so far discovered who is opposed to this state enjoining Colorado from diverting the waters of the Arkansas river is Congressman W. A. Reeder, of the Sixth district. He says:

"If it is a fact, as I think all who have closely observed the flow of the streams will agree, that the streams of Kansas which have had none of their waters used for irrigation have decreased their flow as largely as that of the Arkansas, then it must follow that this suit is injudicious, to say the least. In my judgment not only is it true that their use of the waters near the mountains has been no detriment to Kansas, but it is equally true that such diversion has been of value to us and will continue to grow in good effect for many years to come.

"In the early days we would invariably have a strong wind (usually from the southwest) for several days, which would be followed by a violent rain which came from the west, and the water immediately plunged into the creeks and rivers and thus in torrents passes out of the country. No rain seemingly could be precipitated up the arid, parched plains near the mountains.

"I doubt if any person in western Kansas previous to 20 years ago, ever saw a rain fall from the clouds which were moving from the east toward the west.

"When the irrigators of Colorado had made fertile fields, ponds and marshes of quite a portion of the eastern slopes of the mountains west of Kansas, the character of our rains began to change materially. Rain clouds began to come from the east and our rains to fall gently so that now fully one-half of our moisture falls from the clouds moving from east to west, and so slowly and gently as to nearly all pass into the soil.

"I have known in recent years of a five-inch rain to fall during four consecutive days and the creeks run con-

Reeder thinks that some scheme should be devised to hold what water falls from the clouds instead of trying to corral that which comes from the Rocky mountains.

Think Cattlemen Should Own the Range. S. P. Leger, in a late issue of the Topeka Capital, complains that the recent order of the interior department to remove all fences which enclose government land has been generally ignored. This is unquestionably true, relates the Sharon Springs Times. Mr. Leger says, however, that the new orders are worse in this respect than the old settlers; that they are fencing up large tracts of government land without regard to the rights of the settlers. While it is unquestionable in violation of the ruling of the department of the interior to enclose government land in a pasture, it seems that the real damage to the settler in Wallace county has been, in many instances, greatly overestimated. This question, however, is one that a great many people will entertain different ideas about, and their ideas will be governed a great deal by their financial interests in the case. The cattleman who pays heavy taxes and helps keep things moving and practically holds the country up, will naturally hold different ideas from the man who is looking for a place to engage in agriculture. This difference of opinion between the stock-grower and the farmer is growing and will continue to grow. The question, in the opinion of the Times, will finally be settled by the cattleman being forced to own this range, when they will be allowed to do all the fencing they please. It is coming to that point as fast as it can, and will be welcomed by many who want the question settled once for all.

Notice of Board of Equalization Meeting. Notice is hereby given that the board of county commissioners will meet as a board of equalization on Monday, June 3, 1901. All persons feeling themselves aggrieved and who are not satisfied with their assessment for 1901 should appear, and they are hereby earnestly requested to appear, before said board at that time and show cause why such assessment should be changed, or abide by such assessment as returned by the several township assessors. The board of county commissioners also request the attendance of township assessors of the several townships at the meeting of the board of equalization.

A. D. RUMMEL, County Clerk.

Cackle, Cackle, Plymouth Rock. Cackle, cackle, Plymouth Rocks, Ye kin find the wagon box; 'N' the smokehouse, 'n' the barn. Take 'em—'we don't care a darn.

Cackle here 'n' cackle there, Lay your egg just anywhere; Every time you lay an egg, Down the mortgage goes a peg.

Cackle, cackle all the day, Who kin find a better way? Far to get ahead again, Than to cultivate the bean?

—Kansas City Journal.

WOULD LET THIEVES STEAL.

Such Is the Dangerous Policy Advocated by the Editor of the Goodland News.

By the efficiency, energy, persistency and bravery of the officers of the law in Sherman county, a record has been made that has brought this county and community into public notice all over the country. It is an honorable record and one of which all should be proud. Yet there is a tendency in some quarters to criticize the officers for the faithful discharge of their duties because of the expense.

The Goodland News contained the following in its last week's issue:

Dan Moore, the man who stole the saddle from Ackerman, was brought in last night from Denver. The saddle is only worth \$10 or \$15, and the only punishment the man can receive is a jail sentence. However, the county will have a good sized bill to pay.

This utterance is characteristic of the News editor, E. P. Tennant, and displays the quality of the breed of that kind of cattle. Any man that thus disparages the officers of the law in the plain discharge of their sworn duty is not a good citizen and deserves the contempt of honest men and law-abiding citizens. The argument is: "Because of the cost of enforcement of the law, let thieves steal, provided the thing stolen is of small value." This is a case where the partaker of the benefit of this policy is no better than the thief.

What is law for, anyway? To protect citizens in their rights of property, character, persons and lives. In consideration of this benefit they pay taxes, and the state is bound in the compact of law to thus protect its citizens, no matter how trivial the injury or loss. The News editor disparages this solemn obligation. A measly coyote, raiding henroosts by night, would second the argument of the scribbler of the News. A microscope of 10,000 magnifying power would fail to show any gray matter in the cranium of such a subject.

Now what are the facts. A man accused of crimes at Wichita; that stole a team of horses and buggy in Hays City; that stole the stolen rig to parties in Beaver City, Neb.; came to Mr. Ackerman's place and was hospitably entertained. This man spots a saddle in Mr. Ackerman's stables, and several days later returns and steals the saddle needed by Mr. Ackerman in handling his cattle. Mr. Ackerman causes a warrant to be issued for the thief's arrest. He offers a reward and besides the loss of time and inconvenience is to the expense of from \$50 to \$75 to run down the thief, and who, when finally caught, confesses to this and other crimes.

Mr. Ackerman has done a public service at large expense. "Give a thief a halter and he will find a horse" is an old and true saying. Men that steal horses and saddles, teams and buggies, will commit murder when in a tight place and they see a chance to escape. Sheriff Walker has done his duty and has made another notable catch, and should be commended for his shrewdness and energy.

The sentiment of the law-abiding taxpayers of Sherman county is: "Make this county a hot place for thieves of all kinds, big or little, at any expense." The News editor will find he has again put his foot in it.

J. P. Shutt, county attorney, and N. Loreditch, sheriff of Ellis county, were here from Hays City Sunday and interviewed the prisoner, Hardman, alias Moore. He confessed the theft of the team stolen at Hays City and said he was willing to take his medicine.

Finegan Breaks a Leg. John J. Finegan, of Cheyenne county, who is a frequent visitor to Goodland, met with a severe accident at St. Francis on a day last week. He was loading some groceries in his wagon in front of a store at that place when a gust of wind suddenly blew the door of the store shut with a slam which frightened the team and started to run away. Finegan attempted to get hold of the lines when a wheel of the wagon struck him, knocking him down and fracturing the left leg above the knee. He was taken to a hotel in St. Francis where he is being cared for.

Found an Old Charm. Sam Hodney found a Masonic charm on his farm recently that is surely over 100 years old and may have been lost in the early days of western life. One side of the charm is missing although the remaining half is well preserved. The emblem is in the shape of a masonic cross, and bears this inscription: "In Hoc Signo Vincas, A. O. 678, A. D. 1796, Washington Commandery No. 1, K. T., Hartford, Conn."

Lamereaux-Moden. Samuel Lamereaux and Miss Anna Moden were married Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. A. J. Atherton. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. Ed Stevens, of the Christian church, and was followed by a wedding supper. Mr. and Mrs. Lamereaux are from Marshall county, Kan., but they will make their home in this county on the Barnett ranch, near Kanorado.

DECORATION DAY IN GOODLAND

Impressive Exercises Conducted at the Cemetery—Rev. J. Ed Stevens Delivers the Oration.

Decoration day was observed in an appropriate and impressive manner in Goodland yesterday by the local lodge G. A. R. and W. R. C., the exercises being a worthy tribute to the memory of those departed.

At nine o'clock a procession formed at Memorial hall, under the direction of Grand Marshall J. A. Trent, in the following order:

Ladies of the W. R. C. in carriages. Decoration committee of school girls on liberty car.

G. A. R. and old soldiers on foot. Sons of Veterans on foot. Citizens in carriages.

The line of march was to the cemetery, where the procession halted around the Grand Army plot and J. H. Stewart delivered an able address in memory of the "Unknown Dead." The graves were then strewn with flowers by the little girls, after which the procession disbanded and returned to the city at will. A basket lunch was given to the old soldiers at the court house by the ladies of the W. R. C. at noon.

At one o'clock the members of the two lodges marched to the opera house in a body, where a large audience had already assembled, to hear Rev. J. Ed Stevens deliver the oration of the day.

THE MEMORIAL SERVICES.

Conducted at the Opera House Sunday Morning by the G. A. R. and W. R. C.—Rev. Good's Address.

Union memorial services were held at the opera house Sunday morning, instead of the usual services at the churches. A large audience was in attendance, members of the G. A. R. and W. R. C. being present in places at the front of the hall on the right and left of the aisle. Wallace Filer, commander, and M. D. Cuthbertson, adjutant, were in charge of the services.

The members of the W. R. C. and G. A. R. had decorated the hall and stage in an appropriate manner. Flags, bunting, flowers and pictures were tastefully arranged on the walls and on the facade of the stage. A choir furnished the music.

Rev. Good, of the Methodist church, preached the sermon from Psalms 60:4: "Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth." Rev. Good was assisted by Rev. J. Freet, of the Lutheran church, who read the scripture, offered prayer and pronounced the benediction.

Rev. Good traced the career of nations and emphasized the fact that all nations, both in ancient and modern times, have a national ensign or banner; that those nations whose banner represented the truth prospered; that those nations whose banner did not represent the truth, or failed to represent the truth, perished and passed away.

The speaker gave a brief sketch of our nation's history, the adoption of its banner, its wars for liberty and humanity. He said this nation had never waged a war of conquest, and while true to our lofty ideals the nation would endure. There were, however, dangers that threatened to destroy our institutions of which, from the speaker's view of the subject, intemperance was the greatest, and upon which he enlarged at length.

Hardman's Hearing. S. W. Hardman, alias Lee Moore, the man who stole a saddle from E. B. Ackerman, will have his preliminary to-day before Justice Robinson.

The defense has subpoenaed about ten witnesses and will attempt to prove the saddle worth less than \$20, which will make the crime petit instead of grand larceny.

TOLD IN A LINE.

The regular weekly dance was given at the opera house last night.

The postoffice was closed from ten a. m. to five p. m. yesterday—Memorial day.

Colby morals must be on a decline. A barber was run out of town there last week by an irate father because the young man had done nothing more than kiss his daughter.

W. L. White's little girl received a bad fall on the walk in front of Ennis' drug store Wednesday morning and was taken to a doctor for treatment. She had a bad bruise on the forehead.

Mrs. Theodore Close came down from Goodland last night. She will remain here a few days when she and her mother, Mrs. Dunn, will go east on a visit, the latter to Erie and the Buffalo exposition, the former to Chicago—Phillipsburg Herald.

Jesse Hutchinson, who was sent to the reform school from this county a little over a year ago, has returned to Goodland. He only served about six months and was discharged on the merit system. He was considered one of the best boys in the school, and secured work near Topeka until he returned here last week.

W. L. White had a serious time Monday night with an attack of blood poisoning. He had run a rusty nail into the fleshy part of the first joint of the thumb. The hand swelled badly and turned almost black. Only by vigorous application of poultices, hot water and antiseptics was the swelling reduced and the extreme pain relieved. He is recovering from the attack.

RAILROAD SPIKES.

W. R. Morton was a visitor at Denver Wednesday.

Engineer W. McLeellan is here from the Pueblo run.

George Amick returned yesterday from Trenton, Mo.

Howard Eiler, of Oberlin, is a new employee in the round house.

Vergil Woodward, the Jennings operator, was in town Saturday evening.

Machinist Nick Scallion will join his wife in Chicago this week for a short visit.

Engine 571 is having some flues put in her boiler preparatory to going on the fast runs.

Engineer Beidelman returned Tuesday from a ten-days' sojourn on a ranch near Pabon, Col.

Frank Brumfield will go to work in the car repairers' department, commencing to-morrow.

Fireman Harry Hamilton is back at work after a short vacation which he spent in Phillips county.

Machinist Ben Joseph left last week for Minneapolis, Minn. His family will leave for that place this week.

J. M. Jewell returned last Friday from Salina where he was a jurymen in the United States district court.

Engineer McLeellan will move back to Goodland from Colorado Springs. His house is being put in repair.

C. H. Hubbell, of Topeka, superintendent of lines west of the Missouri river, was here Sunday in a private car in company with other officials.

Night Caller George Brinker has taken a place as assistant to the day hostler and his brother, Bert Brinker, has taken the caller job.

Engineer Stanton and Fireman Parker, of the Pueblo run, were here Sunday for their engine which had just been turned out of the shops.

Charley Sherman now owns the phonograph which formerly entertained the guests in the Cullins' place. He drew the instrument in a raffle.

Engine 596 went out to-day after a light overhaul. Engineer Tapper handles her throttle and Fireman Critchfield looks after the heating apparatus.

Machinist Apprentice Charley Short came down from the Springs to have his hand dressed and returned Tuesday to the home of his parents. His hand is doing well.

It seems like old times to see Engineer "Dad" Fuller around the depot occasionally. He now has the 535, and pulls 17 and 18—Phillipsburg News.

Word has reached Huron that Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Adams, of Goodland, Kan., are the parents of a fine girl baby born to them recently.—Huron Times.

Trainmaster John Boyle, Division Superintendent F. C. Smith, Dispatcher W. A. Young and General Foreman A. C. Adams were at the Smoky Wednesday afternoon on a fishing excursion.

Coudactor J. W. Thomas has secured employment with the El Paso & North-eastern railroad between El Paso and White Oaks, N. M. Mrs. Thomas and son, Dick, will leave soon to join Mr. Thomas.

William McKinney, a brakeman of the Limon-Denver run, was in town yesterday. He has just returned from Milwaukee where he attended the national meeting of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen as a delegate from the local organization.

An interesting story is told of Mike Quinn, a section boss at Flagler, while it is not wholly true is worthy of the famed Irish wit. It is the custom of the railroad company to pay the section hands \$1.25 during the summer months, while with winter's cold blast comes a reduction of 15 cents per day. When Mike received notice one morning last fall that the wages of his crew had been reduced, he called the men out and commanded them to line up when he made this announcement: "All ye men who have before received your dollar and a quarter a day will hereafter get but ten fifteen, while the salaries of us officials remains the same."

Commencing June 1 the Rock Island Route will establish a through Pullman sleeping car service between St. Louis and Denver, running in connection with the fast Colorado flyer. These sleeping cars will be of Pullman's latest design, with large retiring rooms for ladies and such other modern conveniences as are found in up to date cars. Dining car service will also be inaugurated on June 1 on the Rock Island flyer, both east and westbound between Kansas City and Topeka, under supervision of Frank Stewart, superintendent of dining cars. The usual high standard of dining car service will be maintained on the la carte plan, patrons thus paying only for what they order.

Official announcement has been made by the Rock Island that on June 1, westbound, and June 18, eastbound, its new "one night out" train will be put on between Chicago and Colorado. The train will be known as the "Rocky Mountain Limited," and the equipment will consist of the latest Pullman library buffet car, dining car, standard Pullman sleepers and free reclining chair cars. Leaving Chicago every day at 1:30 p. m. it will reach Goodland about 11:30 a. m. the next day and arrive at Colorado Springs at 4:30 p. m. and Denver at 4:45 p. m. The east-bound will leave Denver at 1:15 p. m. Colorado Springs at 1:30 p. m. and reach Goodland at 6:35 p. m. arriving at Chicago the next evening at seven o'clock. The run from Chicago to Colorado Springs will be made in 28 hours and 30 minutes.

The Calico Dance. The engineers have secured the Colorado Midland orchestra, of Colorado Springs, to furnish the music for their "calico dance" next Wednesday night.

Good music is assured and the dance will surely furnish a good time for all attending. Refreshments will be served in the hall.

The Wizard's grocery department is your savings bank, the continuous small savings accruing daily.

Mrs. J. H. Stewart and daughter, Mrs. B. F. Brown, left this morning for Salina to attend the graduating exercises of the Wesleyan university. Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Warriner will graduate from the university. Mrs. Warriner is the daughter of Mrs. Stewart.

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PERSONAL NOTES.

Earl White was at Colorado Springs this week.

Pat Cullins was at Burlington, Col., Monday.

Miss Viola Huff returned last week from Chicago.

M. L. Sheldon, of Enid, Ok., was in Goodland this week.

J. I. Edwards, of Barnard, Kan., was in Goodland Tuesday.

Alfred Prewitt has returned from a trip to Colorado Springs.

Joseph Harrison, of Thomas county, was in Goodland Monday.

R. S. Patton, of Prairie Home, Ill., was in Goodland this week.

Mrs. J. T. Joyce returned to her home in Pueblo yesterday.

Mrs. A. A. Bower returned Saturday from a week's stay in Norton.

Prof. J. A. Gwin returned last week from a trip to the mountains.

Rev. Meyers, a Lutheran minister of Bird City, was here this week.

Mrs. E. H. Young left Monday evening for a visit in Allendale, Mo.

Mrs. J. Wickersham returned from a visit in Denver Tuesday evening.

Fred Hodgkinson was a business visitor at Burlington, Col., Tuesday.

Miss Mary Whipple, of Norton, was in town Monday on a business mission.

A. P. Tone Wilson and N. E. Donnelly, of Colby, were in town Tuesday.

A. E. Chambers and D. V. Ferguson, of Bird City, were in Goodland this week.

County Commissioner J. W. Germann, of Kanorado, was in town Wednesday.

W. A. Young's railroad baseball team and the Maroons played ball yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Pat Brown returned Sunday evening from a week's visit with friends in Denver.

Miss Cora Tibble, of Oberlin, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Lee Conquest, of this county.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Aten will entertain the Inter Sess club at their home this evening.

John Dewell, living about eight miles northwest of Goodland, is sick of typhoid pneumonia.

Miss Hattie Graham was called to Colorado Springs last week by the illness of her mother.

Miss Eva White, a school teacher of Kit Carson county, Col., is stopping in town for a few days.

Frank Mann, of Burlington, Col., a merchant of that place, was in Goodland Monday evening.

The young friends of Dick Thomas gave him a surprise farewell party at his home Saturday night.

J. A. Dupree, of Georgetown, Ill., brother of W. F. Dupree, of Edison, is visiting with his brother.

Mrs. Emmel, mother of A. D. Rummel, has returned from an extended visit in Indiana and Missouri.

Peter Robidoux, the well known cattleman of Wallace county, was in Goodland several days this week.

Miss Estella Myers has returned from Gilman, Col., where she taught the village school the past winter.

Mrs. R. J. Jones returned Tuesday from a visit to Mr. Jones, who is conducting a bakery at Comanche, Ok.

Henry Rummel, of Jamesport, Mo., uncle of County Clerk A. D. Rummel, is in town for a visit with his nephew.

Mrs. B. F. Sparr returned to her home in Denver Saturday after a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Fred Dawson.

Mrs. James Cronican, of Herington, sister of Engineer Brown, is expected here Saturday to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Brown.

Capt. A. L. Emerson, of St. Francis, was in town Tuesday on his way home. He had been to Colorado Springs on a business trip.

James Yake and family and Miss Carrie Smith, of Sharon Springs, were in Goodland Saturday. They returned home Sunday.

John Pender, the shoemaker who has been working for Fledelius for some time, left Tuesday night for Colorado Springs where he will work at his trade.

C. F. Walker, of Randolph, Ia., brother of Marion Walker, of this county, was here last week for a visit with his brother. He returned to his home Sunday night.

Henry Hartstine, who lives in Kanorado but who doesn't come to Goodland often, was in town Tuesday. He promised to make his visits more frequent hereafter.

Osie Burton, of Kanorado, formerly with Thorson's store, was in town Tuesday. Mr. Burton was recently married to Miss Jennie Bates, of Jennings, formerly of Kanorado.

Dr. F. H. Smith and wife left Tuesday morning for a visit to Leota, Kan. They drove across the country and will visit a few days with old acquaintances of Dr. Smith.

Mrs. William Walker, Jr., returned Saturday from Springfield, Ill., where she represented the local lodge of Royal Neighbors at the national meeting held at that place.

R. L. Peters says he has a better garden this year than ever before. He made garden before the wet snow, and now has lettuce, onions, radishes and plenty of other garden truck.

Jesse, the little daughter of D. Moore, living near Edison, ran against a wire fence Wednesday and out and bruised her eye so severely that she was brought to Goodland for medical attention.

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BUFFALO GRASS THE BEST.

Its Superiority Over Blue Stem as a Kansas Grass Has Been Proven by Practical Tests.

D. Heaton, a banker of Greenfield, Ia., who recently purchased a quarter section of Sherman county land, proposes to break out the entire quarter and seed it with timothy and clover.

This venture calls to mind an article in the Norton Champion entitled, "Want Buffalo Grass Again." The article reviews the attempts heretofore made to exterminate the buffalo grass and to replace it with the tame grasses and waving fields of wheat and corn; and the diversity of opinion as to the short grass country becoming a reliable agricultural region.

Sentiment has changed, according to the Champion, and many now desire to restore the buffalo grass where it has been destroyed, and either re-seed the land or transplant it with sod of the once despised grass. This is the result of a report on experiments carried on by Prof. Willard, of the botanical department of the state agricultural college at Manhattan, in which the professor declares that the buffalo grass is the very best pasture for both summer and winter. He has also experimented on buffalo grass hay and finds it rich in fat-producing elements. He even says that it is richer in proteins than the famous blue grass of Kentucky.

Superintendent Cotterell, of the farm department, says that the problem of restoring the buffalo grass is only one of cost, and can be done by either seeding or transplanting sod. He thinks a square foot of sod set out four feet apart would result in the grass spreading and covering the ground.

Death of Levi Pritchard.

Major Levi Pritchard, state senator of this district from 1893 to 1897, died at his home in Hill City, May 22. Last fall Mr. Pritchard was attacked with the lagrippe and the disease later settled in his eyes which a few days before his death rendered him totally blind. It is thought that the worry over this misfortune hastened his death.

Major Pritchard was a veteran of the civil war and was well known in Grand Army and political circles of this district. He was identified with the populists, being elected to the legislature by that party.

Normal Convenes Monday.

The fourteenth annual session of the Sherman county normal institute will convene in the high school building Monday, for a four-weeks' session, closing June 29. County Superintendent Reed has secured the following instructors: H. W. Jones, of Topeka; T. B. Wolfe, of Oberlin; J. A. Gwin, of Goodland. A good attendance is looked for.

Farmers Organize to Fight Grain Trust.

The association of farmers formed to fight the grain trust, which was organized at Salina, is styled the Farmers' Co-operative Grain and Livestock Association. The officers are: J. A. Bucklin, Oakley, president; A. P. Collins, Salina, vice president and treasurer; James Butler, Topeka, secretary.

Mr. and Mrs. Sexson Entertain.

Last Thursday evening the friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Sexson gathered at their pleasant home to spend the evening. The evening was passed very pleasantly with games and other amusements, after which refreshments, consisting of ice cream and cake, were served to the large party which numbered 83 persons. Everyone went home regretting the hours had flown so rapidly and that they were not an expert ice cream maker as Mr. Sexson proved himself to be.—Guest.

Notice.

Bids for the lease of